



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5538***

LCO No. 1454

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CERTIFIED RECOVERY SUPPORT  
SPECIALIST BARGAINING UNIT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 5-275 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 (b) The board shall determine the appropriateness of a unit which  
5 shall be the public employer unit or a subdivision thereof. In  
6 determining the appropriateness of the unit, the board shall: (1) Take  
7 into consideration, but shall not limit consideration to, the following:  
8 (A) Public employees must have an identifiable community of interest,  
9 and (B) the effects of overfragmentation; (2) not decide that any unit is  
10 appropriate if (A) such unit includes both professional and  
11 nonprofessional employees, unless a majority of such professional  
12 employees vote for inclusion in such unit, or (B) such unit includes  
13 both Department of Correction employees at or above the level of  
14 lieutenant and Department of Correction employees below the level of  
15 lieutenant; (3) take into consideration that when the state is the  
16 employer, it will be bargaining on a state-wide basis unless issues

17 involve working conditions peculiar to a given governmental  
 18 employment locale; (4) permit the faculties of (A) The University of  
 19 Connecticut, (B) the Connecticut State University system, and (C) the  
 20 state regional vocational-technical schools to each comprise a separate  
 21 unit, which in each case shall have the right to bargain collectively  
 22 with their respective boards of trustees or their designated  
 23 representatives; [and] (5) permit the community college faculty and the  
 24 technical college faculty as they existed prior to July 1, 1992, to  
 25 continue to comprise separate units, which in each case shall have the  
 26 right to bargain collectively with its board of trustees or its designated  
 27 representative. Nonfaculty professional staff of the [above] institutions  
 28 described in this subdivision and subdivision (4) of this subsection  
 29 may by mutual agreement be included in such bargaining units, or  
 30 they may form a separate bargaining unit of their own; and (6) permit  
 31 certified recovery support specialists in the Department of Mental  
 32 Health and Addiction Services to comprise a separate collective  
 33 bargaining unit. This section shall not be deemed to prohibit multiunit  
 34 bargaining.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	5-275(b)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To create a new bargaining unit for certified recovery support specialists in the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*